Splunk Certification
Splunk Core Certified Consultant FAQ
Q: I did not complete the Core Consultant track requirements by the January 31, 2021 deadline. Can I get another extension? What are my next steps?

A: No exceptions can be granted to this deadline and no additional extensions will be granted. Candidates with no current certifications (meaning no Pearson VUE certification exams passed) must complete the following (in order*):

- Splunk Core Certified Power User exam
- Splunk Enterprise Certified Admin exam
- Architecting Splunk Enterprise Deployments (unless previously completed)
- Troubleshooting Splunk Enterprise course (unless previously completed)
- Splunk Cluster Administration course (unless previously completed)
- Splunk Deployment Practical Lab (unless previously completed)
- Splunk Enterprise Certified Architect exam
- Splunk Fundamentals 3 course (unless previously completed)
- Creating Dashboards with Splunk course (unless previously completed)
- Advanced Searching & Reporting course (unless previously completed)
- Core Consultant Labs (unless previously completed)
- Core Implementation ILT course (unless previously completed**)
- Splunk Core Certified Consultant exam

*Candidates who do hold a current lower level certification do not need to repeat any previously-completed Pearson VUE exams and can start their path from there. See Slide 4 for more details.

**Candidates who completed the Core Implementation ILT course (formerly known as SCC II bootcamp) prior to 2018 may wish to retake this course as the content has changed.
| Q: Do I need to retake any courses? | A: **No. Candidates are NOT required to retake previously completed courses.** Candidates who completed the Core Implementation ILT course (formerly known as SCC II bootcamp) prior to 2018 may wish to retake this course as the content has changed. |
| Q: What future steps are required for me to keep this certification current? | A: All Splunk Certifications now follow a 3-year recertification cycle. For more information, please see our Splunk Certification Candidate Handbook. |
| Q: Are the exams suitable for ESL candidates? | A: Yes! This was one of the driving forces behind revamping our exam content. The new exam questions were written under a set of guidelines specifically designed to eliminate tricky wording, double negatives, and/or fill-in-the-blank type questions. They have also been through several rounds of editing by both technical and non-technical experts and have been beta tested by a wide variety of candidates (including ESL Splunkers, customers, and Partners).

Finally, as part of our exam development cycle, performance data will continue to be analyzed on a regular basis to ensure that questions are “performing” as expected. This iterative process will help us maintain top-quality content to maximize accessibility for all candidates. |
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Deadline Expired: Next Steps Flowchart

**Certification Exam Required**

- Splunk Core Certified Power User

**Certification Exam Required**

- Splunk Enterprise Certified Admin

**Coursework Required (Unless previously completed)**

- Architecting Splunk Enterprise Deployments
- Splunk Cluster Administration
- Troubleshooting Splunk Enterprise
- Splunk Enterprise Practical Lab

**Certification Exam Required**

- Splunk Enterprise Certified Architect

**Coursework Required (Unless previously completed)**

- Splunk Fundamentals 3
- Creating Dashboards with Splunk
- Advanced Searching & Reporting with Splunk
- Core Consultant Labs
- Core Implementation ILT Course

Courses may be completed at any time (before or after Architect track).